

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR:**.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
**MINISTERS:**.....Members of the Congregation  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**.....Colin Welford  
**SECRETARY:**.....Erin Bristol

Serving the Community Since 1853

**Prelude: ‘Prelude founded on an old Irish Melody’ – by Charles Villiers Stanford**

Welcome & Announcements

**‘The Road Home’ – adapted by Stephen Paulus**

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #544 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”**

**Liturgy of Grace, p. 31 – 33**

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response: (452 Red Hymnal)**

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear*

*And while the wave notes fall on my ear*

*Everything false will disappear*

*Silently now I wait for thee ready my God thy will to see,*

*Open my ears illumine me Spirit Divine. Amen.*

**Offertory: ‘Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus’ – Arr. Richard Hillert**

Doxology

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Jeremiah 15: 15 - 21

New Testament: Romans 12: 9 – 21

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21 - 28

Meditation

**‘Beautiful Savior’ – Crusader’s Hymn, arranged by David Angerman**

The Lord’s Supper (Insert)

**Postlude: ‘In Modo Di Marcia’ from ‘A German Requiem’ – by Johannes Brahms**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** Jesus said, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’ – Matthew 16:24

<b><u>TODAY:</u></b>	Time of Fellowship following Worship
<b><u>MONDAY:</u></b>	Pastor’s Sabbath
<b><u>WEDNESDAY:</u></b>	12:00 p.m. Community Lunch & Cancer Support Group (12:45 p.m.), Sister Bay Moravian
<b><u>FRIDAY:</u></b>	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
<b><u>SATURDAY:</u></b>	10:30 a.m. John Turner Funeral
<b><u>SUNDAY:</u></b>	10:30 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Chess Club

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH** is the ‘Church of the Open Door.’ We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

**MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH:** In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2023:** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. - 1 John 4:12

**THANK YOU** to our singers, this morning: Hal, Cyndy, Amanda and Dale.

**BIBLE STUDY!** – On Fridays at 1 p.m., we will be introducing Colorful Women in the Bible, many of whom you will not hear about on a Sunday morning! All are welcome in the Fellowship Hall.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** – All are welcome to attend at Sister Bay Moravian Church, Wednesday, 12 noon.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP-** 12:45 p.m. at Sister Bay Moravian Church on Wednesday following the Community Lunch. Annika Johnson, of the Go Bo Foundation will be speaking.

### **Marks of the True Christian, by Rev. Cory Kemp**

One of my favorite shows, ‘Grantchester’, a fictional village set in England in the 1950’s, is my inspiration for this week’s reflection. One of the characters, Constable Larry, is not the most intelligent members of the police force, but he learns from his mistakes and seeks to emulate his supervisor, Geordie.

This season saw Larry step into a bigger role with more responsibility. His colleagues didn’t see the change or his personal resolve at first. Having lost his mum to a long illness, he took a leave of absence to grieve and put her estate in order. When he came back to work, he seemed like the same old Larry, not quite up to speed and a little vague around the edges.

During this time Geordie was forced to retire by his supervisor, the station superintendent, a newly-appointed fellow with multiple grudges and an aggressive, violent streak. The superintendent, in full view of his staff, bullied and hit a vulnerable member of the community who had been brought in for questioning in a robbery he obviously hadn’t committed. Two officers looked away, but Larry and Geordie defended him. The detainee was put in a cell at the superintendent’s order. Later that day, Larry released the man without permission. His prisoner asked if he was going to get into trouble for letting him go. Larry said he probably would, but it was the right thing to do.

Geordie called Larry into his office to tell him what a good thing he had done, and that Larry’s mum would be proud of him. Then Geordie took a large plaque from his wall and passed it on to Larry. The plaque said, “*Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*”

Unbeknownst to Geordie, Larry had gone to the superintendent’s superior with a complaint of excessive force. It resulted in the superintendent’s transfer and Geordie’s reinstatement. When it dawned on Geordie that Larry had filed the complaint, he looked up to see Larry holding his newly received gift with a beatific smile on his face: *Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*

Marks of the True Christian- standing up for vulnerable people and resisting the temptation to protect oneself when confronting evil.

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